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In re: Application of Lakes, et al.

Serial No. 08/896,060
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Title: BIODEGRADABLE TWO-CYCLE ENGINE OIL
COMPOSITIONS AND ESTER BASE STOCKS

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RESPONSE

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on 03/04/2004.

Claims 1-4, 13-14, 16 and 38 were rejected for obvious double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3-9 of U.S. 6,664,216. Applicants overcome the obvious double patenting rejection by filing a Terminal Disclaimer attached to this response. Applicants note that claims 11-12, 15, 20-37, 39 and 42 have been allowed in the Office Action of 03/04/2004.

It is believed that the foregoing reply is completely responsive under 37 CFR 1.111 and that all grounds of rejection and objection have been completely overcome or obviated. It is believed that claims 1-4, 13-14, 16 and 38 are in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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